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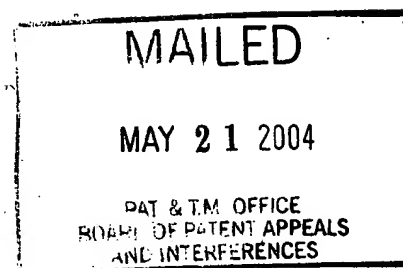
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte BILL L. DAVIS and JESSE S. WILLIAMSON

Appeal No. 2003-1231
Application 09/315,796

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL



Before HARKCOM, Acting Chief Administrative Patent Judge, WILLIAM F. SMITH, Administrative Patent Judge, and GARRIS, Administrative Patent Judge.

Per curiam.


On May 13, 2004, counsel for the appellants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 (Paper No. 78). Pursuant to the notice entitled "Request for Continued Examination Practice and Changes to Provisional Application Practice," 65 Fed. Reg. 50092, 50095 (Aug. 16, 2000), and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.114(d), a request for continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 filed after appeal has been taken, but prior to a decision on the appeal, "will be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner."

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Accordingly, the appeal in this application is dismissed.

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.


GARY V. HARKCOM, Acting Chief
Administrative Patent Judge


WILLIAM F. SMITH
Administrative Patent Judge


BRADLEY R. GARRIS
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